

## BRYAN SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD

Comes to Abingdon and Makes Great Address on European War—Is Not For Peace at Any Price, He Says.

Mr. Bryan made an address at Abingdon on the 24th to about 5000 people. He spoke at the Fair grounds. The day was fine and a great crowd was present, and, as usual, he made an address which caught the crowd.

The address was divided into three parts. First, the cause of the great war; second, the mistaken philosophy of all wars, and, third, the way to permanent peace.

He was introduced by Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, in a brief address.

The speech of Mr. Bryan was against militarism. He is not for "there at any price." He said:

"There have been righteous wars in the past and may be righteous wars in the future, and if there ever a war against the United States every one of the citizens will gladly shed every drop of his blood in her defense."

Five automobiles out of Tazewell, filled with people attended the speaking, which began at 4 p. m. and ended at 6.

The Tazewell people reached home at various times during the night and early morning.

Brother John Keese's Ford broke down on the mountain, and was overtaken by J. Heldreth's Hun. and pulled to the top, where it drifted down, and was finally fixed up, and Mrs. Keese got home in time to get breakfast and feed the chickens. The entire crowd had a fine time and enjoyed the trip hugely and are more appreciative of the gifts of head and heart of the Great Commoner.

## FARM NOTES.

(By J. L. Montague.)

**Alfalfa.** Can alfalfa be successfully grown in this county? This is a question in the minds of many farmers. Alfalfa will grow on some farms in Tazewell, and on some farms it will not. It depends on the land and the man. There are more than a dozen of those who have demonstrated that many of our soils can be adapted to this valuable forage plant.

The best way to become acquainted with alfalfa is to sow a small patch having first eliminated every possible cause of failure. A few causes of failure are: Bad location, lack of sufficient line and plant food, weeds, late seeding and failure to inoculate.

These conditions can be avoided by applying lime, manure and fertilizers; killing weeds before sowing by thorough tillage; and inoculating. Inoculation is accomplished in three ways: 1st, by mixing alfalfa seed with clover, and depending on volunteer plants to inoculate the soil. 2nd, by sowing dirt from an inoculated alfalfa field. These bacteria cultures are furnished by the government free and some seed houses furnish them. If everything else is done to secure a stand of alfalfa, and the inoculation left off, your work may prove a failure.

All the alfalfa that was sown in corn last fall froze out badly. Good stands have been secured in this way, but it is safer to seed alone. I would rather sow alfalfa in corn stubble land in the spring, than to run the risk of winter killing by sowing at the last cultivation of corn. I have not seen a single instance in this county where alfalfa seeded alone before the 15th of August last was injured by freezing, and last winter was unusually severe.

If you intend sowing alfalfa this summer it will pay you to consider the following points:

1. Select a rich, well drained soil.
2. Use ground limestone or burnt lime.
3. Use acid phosphate and clean manure.
4. Plow at least a month before seeding, and harrow every time the weeds start to grow.
5. Between July 30th and August 15th, sow at least 20 pounds of seed, free of weeds.
6. Inoculate.

## POUNDING MILL NOTES.

Pounding Mill, May 24—Mrs. R. K. Gillespie and Mrs. C. M. Hunter motored to Richlands Saturday evening to attend the graduating exercises of the Richlands High School.

Mrs. J. T. Altizer spent Saturday with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Alex Altizer, who is very ill. She is reported better.

The good rains from Sunday night to last night, (Tuesday), inclusive, saved the crops. There had been no rain for several weeks. Garden truck in many instances failed to come up, and is being replanted.

W. B. Steele is busy this week shearing sheep.

Mrs. Kate McDilda, of Cedar Bluff, will preach at the Church of God at this place on next Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Rev. N. A. Conner, of Honaker, will preach in the Union church next Sunday night.

The Crochet club, which was so royally entertained on Thursday from 2 to 5 by Mrs. Charls Robinet, will meet with Mrs. Robert Petts on tomorrow afternoon.

The young folks club, which met with Miss Rosa Lee Smith Tuesday was enjoyed very much. The club meets next Tuesday afternoon with Vivian Sparks.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson and little son, Edmond, of Bluefield, spent last Saturday with her sister, Mrs. James H. Johnson.

Born on the morning of the 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hoops, a son. Mother and baby doing well. Mr. Hoops is the father of 20 children, several of whom are dead. He lost his second wife and two children in the flood here several years ago.

A short time prior to this his little child by the first marriage fell into a boiler of his water and died. A grown son, also by the first marriage, was killed by a lumber car. His daughter, Miss Myrtle Hoops, whose

mother was drowned with her baby in her arms, is the grand-daughter of Mr. Floyd McGuire on Pounding Mill branch, and attends the Graham High School.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and daughter, Mrs. John B. Gillespie, spent Friday at Richlands interviewing the dentist, and were the guests of Mrs. Tom Steele. Mrs. Steele stayed over to the Shakespeare pageant from 6 to 8, afterward attending services at the Church of God, the preaching being done by Rev. E. N. Reedy, twice a missionary to Trinidad, British West Indies, of which place your correspondent wrote a lengthy article a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Gillespie and Dr. Rex Steele motored to Cedar Bluff Sunday afternoon in their new car and brought home their mother, Mrs. W. B. Steele, who had spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Jane McGuire.

Rev. M. Buskell, of Richlands, allied Rev. W. S. Bullock's appointment at the Christian church last Saturday at 11 a. m.

Rev. Mr. Alfriend, of the Episcopal church, preached here Sunday evening and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hunter.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Any width of a public road, less than thirty feet, must be sustained by the county records, otherwise the width of the right of way of our county roads, is not less than thirty feet.

Fences on this right of way, under our recently amended road laws, are obstructions, and as such are subject to removal or to be set back, under our laws, on three days notice from the County Road Department.

While very evident that such an arbitrary move would inflict considerable pecuniary loss and inconvenience upon our people, and might be from many standpoints, most inadvisable, nevertheless it is not to be inferred that the county through inactivity in this respect, resigns the prerogative of removing at any time any or all fences obstructing the right of way.

I would earnestly request, therefore, in order to meet the requirements of the law, as it behooves every citizen, that you kindly co-operate with your road department in supporting the legal statute, by hereafter, and from this date, when constructing new fences or repairing an old one, set the same on the line of the right of way. If in doubt as to said line, advise the road department, which will render immediate advice or service.

All fences constructed or renewed subsequent to this notice, and built on the public right of way, will be regarded as obstructions, and the proper action for the removal thereof will be taken as the law directs.

G. A. MARTIN.  
Tazewell Va., May 24, 1916.

## KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRES.

Every time we sell a Kelly tire we lose a tire customer—for a long time, because Kelly tires are guaranteed by us and the manufacturer to run 6,000 miles, therefore, it is a long haul between tire purchases. Blow-outs are almost unknown.

Give us an order for a pair of Kelly's and see how much more real comfort you get out of your automobile. Kelly tires are higher in price—they are worth it.

Remember, we furnish free air to our tire customers, it means something.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS HERE YESTERDAY.

Wm. C. Atwater, and son John Atwater, of New York city, of the firm of Wm. C. Atwater & Co., are in the county, and were guests yesterday at the home of W. F. Harman. The New York firm handles a great deal of the coal mined in this section. Others present at the dinner at Mr. Harman's yesterday were Messrs. Joseph S. Gillespie, W. T. Gillespie, C. H. and John D. Peery.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society held their May meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Thompson. There was a large attendance. After the devotional exercises and usual program it was decided to support a native bible woman in a foreign field. A committee was appointed to determine where this should be. Contributions were solicited to obtain a continued support to this cause. Those contributing are asked to bring the amount the first Friday in June. This meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. D. Harrison.

Bountiful and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## FALLS MILLS NOTES.

The farmers in this community were very glad to see the good rains, as everything was very dry.

Mr. L. W. Marsh, of Johnson City, Tenn., is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Raleigh Tabor, of Ripplemeade, was visiting Sunday, Mrs. Julia A. Tabor.

Mr. W. J. Sturgiss, of this place, is very sick at the Bluefield sanitarium.

Mrs. D. D. Baker has been on the sick list for a few days.

Mrs. Maude Sarver, of Princeton, was the guest of Mrs. Allie Shepherd Tuesday.

Miss Bertie Woodyard, of Bluefield, was the guest of Mrs. Joe French Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nona Lee gave an entertainment Saturday night, which consisted of drills, recitations, and songs.

Mr. H. A. Green spent Saturday and Sunday with his family.

Misses Nona Lee, Amy and Annie Mullin, of Bramwell, and Mattie Carter, and Walter Harry were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tabor Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Peck, who underwent an operation for cancer of the foot at the Bluefield hospital, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Page and little daughter, of Yards, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Compton Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Mary Ellis and Maggie Epperson were calling on the Misses Byrd Sunday afternoon.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSE THIS WEEK

Richlands Has Shakespeare Pageant, Witnessed By Large Crowd—Tazewell School Finals Last Night.

The Tazewell High Schools closing exercises were held in the chapel last night, and consisted largely of the declamations, orations, poems etc., of the graduating class.

The chapel was packed to its capacity by members of the school, patrons and visitors. The stage was beautifully and tastefully decorated.

The music in charge of Miss Stevens.

Certificates of graduation were delivered by Prof. Gollehon, the principal to the class, with appropriate remarks.

The names of the graduates are: Misses Lois Hurt, Eloise Huston; Messrs. Joe Nat Johnson, Buxton; William G. Bottomore, Henry Preston, Clair, Billy Copenhaver, Frank Barnes, Elmer Kiser, Everett Johnson.

Dr. Weaver's Address.

Rev. Dr. Weaver president of Emory and Henry College, delivered the literary address of the occasion which was greatly enjoyed. Dr. Weaver is a forceful speaker, a wise educator, and has been greatly in demand for addresses in educational meetings and conventions, and with all, a pleasant, genial gentleman.

The past session of the High School has been a prosperous one—in fact some think the most prosperous the school has ever had.

## RICHLANDS SCHOOLS CLOSE.

Richlands, May 23.—The commencement exercises have been in progress the past week of school and never in its history has it enjoyed a more prosperous year or more delightful finals.

Miss Broadus' music class gave a recital Thursday evening in the auditorium. The magnificent pageant on the school campus Friday evening attests the ability of those who planned and carried it out to perfection.

Miss Mary Williams was Queen Elizabeth and most royal did she appear, surrounded by her train of courtiers, pages and train bearers. The whole train appeared in review before the queen and the famous characters from Shakespeare, heralds, standard bearers, foresters, shepherdesses, May pole dancers, Indians and all the famous characters of her period.

The whole county turned out to witness the pageant. On Saturday night in the auditorium the regular exercises were held of graduation and diplomas were awarded the following: Mr. John R. Boggess, Misses Nellie B. Fisher, Lena Elkins, Bertha Combs. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday by Rev. W. J. Altizer, of Big Stone Gap, to a crowded church. The decorations were beautiful.

The scholarship to the University of Virginia was awarded to John R. Boggess and the one to the Virginia Christian College to Miss Nellie B. Fisher.

Miss Evans, the principal, is a woman and educator of the highest type. Miss Evans was invited to the stage and presented with a gorgeous bouquet of lavender flowers tied with lavender ribbon, her favorite color.

Prof. Archie Thompson, county superintendent of schools, attended the closing exercises.

**Local Notes.**

Dr. P. P. Hunter has returned, after spending a week in Johnson City.

Mrs. J. H. Smith is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. McCorkle, at Big Stone Gap.

Mrs. Charles Baker and children of Chicago, and Mrs. Newitt, of Bourbonville, Ky., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Spratt.

Mr. Williamson, of Pounding Mill, is recovering nicely from an operation at the Williams hospital.

Mr. B. T. Wilson, of Lebanon, has his little son at the Williams hospital.

His condition was very grave, but he is now considered out of danger. This is the second son of Mr. Wilson who has been at the hospital this year for the same operation—appendicitis.

The friends of Mrs. Robinson will learn with deep regret of her serious illness at her home at Alfredton. Her physicians give no hope of her recovery.

Mrs. Draper, of Roanoke, is the guest of her son, T. A. Draper.

## POCAHONTAS NEWS.

Pocahontas, Va., May 25.—The Pocahontas High School finals have been the features of interest here since Sunday night. Rev. S. W. Moore, of Bluefield, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class, at the Opera House. The Glee club of the school furnished the music for that occasion, and have sung several selections since. The pupils of Miss Lillian Hensley's music class gave a recital on Monday night which was a success in every respect. On Tuesday night the debating contests for the boys and girls medals for the best declaimers was the occasion for a full house, though an admission fee was charged. Those taking part in the girls contest were Misses Ida Lubliner, Bertha Szovenyi, and Fay Thornton. The latter was the winner of the medal. The boys declaiming were Abram Lubliner, Nathan Matz and J. M. Newton, Jr. Abram Lubliner won the medal. The judges were Dr. A. W. Saunders, W. M. Miner, Jr., and A. V. Spores. In addition to the debating contest the other features of the program Tuesday evening were a piano solo by Lucile Hicks, a song or two by the glee club, a piano solo by Maggie Whitehead, piano duet by Wayland Newton and Raymond Hicks, and a piano solo by Bertha Szovenyi. On Wednesday night, the members of the graduating class had the right of way, and were heard with interest.

Vernon Ellett delivered the salutatory; Miss Lenna Sandler read a well prepared paper and John Newton, Jr., delivered the valedictory. Dr. J. P. McConnell, President of the

State Normal at Radford, delivered an instructive address, after which the prizes, and medals were delivered to the recipients, including a scholarship medal to Vernon Ellett.

This has been a successful session of the school and J. M. Newton, chairman, expressed the thanks of the board and the district board to Prof. Gollehon, the teachers, including Misses Charlotte Penninger, E. D. Conway, Mary E. Watson, Louise Rixey, Estelle Price, Edna Garland, Frances Sadler, Scottie McPheeters, Alma Carver, and Miss Lillian Hensley, music teacher, for their able and efficient services. Most of the above will return for the next session.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bloch, of Wayland, Ky., who have been on a trip after their marriage, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Bloch, returned the first of the week to their home.

Mrs. M. E. Brinson, of Augusta, Ga., arrived in Pocahontas Tuesday and in company with Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts will motor to Farmville in a few days to be present at the graduation of Mrs. Brinson's niece, Margaret Byrom, Miss Byrom has the honor of being the class reporter for 1916 at the college and has made a good record in her studies.

Among the graduates of the Farmville Normal with distinction are the names of Misses Pearl and Ruby Ellett, daughters of Mayor and Mrs. E. J. Ellett. These young ladies are twins, and their records for scholarship have been maintained at the state normal as it was in the High School here. Pocahontas High school is very proud of her students.

A. Z. Litz, of Tazewell, S. M. Graham and son and Col. and Mrs. J. S. Browning and Mrs. W. T. Baybourn, of Roanoke, are some of the visitors here the past week.

## MISS CROCKETT'S MUSIC RECITAL.

Last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock Miss Bessie Crockett's music class gave a delightful recital in the High School chapel. By a maladvantage it was not announced in either of the town papers that the recital would take place at that time, but, notwithstanding that time, but, notwithstanding the fact that the auditorium of the chapel was filled to the doors with patrons and friends in commencement mood.

The stage was beautifully decorated, the scheme giving the effect of a woodland scene where vines and flowering boughs intertwine. The class of twenty-eight young ladies was ranged in semi-circle under this vivid canopy and between the festooned wings, a very beautiful setting, indeed for a musical entertainment.

The program was necessarily a long one, but not at any time uninteresting, in the variety and excellence of the young ladies conspiring to hold and entertain the audience until the recital was over.

The playing of the entire class was uniformly excellent, several of the young ladies displaying a high order of musical talent.

Miss Crockett evidently has the unusual and happy faculty of arousing and sustaining enthusiasm in her pupils, and she not only leads them successfully through the technical difficulties of her art, but inspires in them a sense of harmony that manifests itself in what is known as "touch."

## MISS SMITH IN CERTIFICATE RECITAL.

Miss Stevens, one of the teachers in the music department of the Tazewell High School, presented her pupil, Miss Alma Smith, in a certificate piano recital on Tuesday evening to a large audience in the High School chapel. Miss Smith rendered in an excellent manner a number of difficult selections, among them being one of her own composition. She possesses unusual musical talent.

Hardy Lacooc, Emily Bottomore, Litz, McGuire and Robert Harman contributed largely to the success of the evening's entertainment.

## SHE WON THE PRIZE.

When the district chapter of the U. D. C. met here a few weeks ago, offered a nice silk flag of Virginia to the pupil of the school here who would write the best history of the flag. There were a number of contestants.

The paper offered by Miss Louise Peery, was pronounced the best of the lot, and she is now one of the proud standard bearers of a proud and honored state. Miss Louise is a young and bright daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Peery, North Tazewell, and member of one of Miss Hawthorne's classes in the school.

## PROGRAM OF U. C. V. MEETING.

The following program of the U. C. V. meeting to be held here on the 3rd of June, has been arranged by Major Whitman:

1. Meeting of Camp at 10 o'clock a. m., June 3rd.
2. Decoration of graves at 10.30.
3. Assembly at Court house immediately thereafter. Reorganization of camp.
4. Address of Judge Graham.
5. Reading of paper by Miss Ellie Bowen.
6. Presentation of crosses of honor.

It is requested that persons owning automobiles throughout the county carry the old veterans to and from Tazewell to their homes, so as to enable their attendance of the camp promptly at 10 o'clock.

## ATTENTION, VETREANS.

The annual meeting of Browne-Harman camp will be held at Tazewell on Saturday, the 3rd of June, 1916. It is earnestly desired that the members of the camp attend, and any Confederate Veterans who are strangers within our gates are cordially invited.

JAS. P. WHITMAN, Comdr

## FLYING SQUADRON IN THOMPSON VALLEY SUNDAY.

The flying squadron will be at the White church in Thompson Valley next Sunday to hear Rev. W. C. Thompson preach and incidentally, to receive "offerings," make "a few feeble remarks." The object of this notice are requested to give it as wide publicity as possible. The annual convention meets at Concord on the 21st.

## BAPTISTS CUT DOWN EXPENSES

General Association in Asheville Eliminates Many Useless Secretaries and Consolidates Mission Boards.

The Southern Baptist convention, held Asheville, N. C., closing on last Sunday, took decided steps in the way of retrenchment and a reduction of expenses. Two newspapers, covering the same mission field, were consolidated. Several traveling and field secretaries were discontinued and a move set on foot to consolidate several of the mission boards of the convention. A northern Methodist general conference took similar action a few weeks ago at the annual meeting.

It has been claimed for several years that the work of the denominations was conducted at an unnecessary large expense. There has been too many boards, too many secretaries, et cetera, all covering identical territory, and doing practically the same work, and practically doubling the expense. It costs too much to get there with the dollar I give, says one. "By the time my dollar gets to the place it looks like thirty cents."

And so, there is a spirit of reform among all the churches. On the foreign field this step is of great moment and importance.

## Consolidation of Churches and Denominations.

It is predicted, that in the course of time, there will be a consolidation of churches, and perhaps of denominations as well. The rank and file, the proletariat, will some day rise up and demand that the wasting of money be stopped and the supporting of two churches and two or more boards and a number of men where a less number, perhaps one, would be sufficient, shall be brought about. In the retrenchment inaugurated by the Baptist convention at Asheville, several men and few secretaries and others, lost a job, but there seems to have been no hesitation or opposition on this account. One of the chief obstacles in the path of the church and denominational consolidation, somebody says, is the question of "jobs." "So many men would lose their jobs."

## DAILEY'S CHAPEL NEWS.

The singing school taught by W. R. Catron closed Saturday night with much success. The choir was greatly benefited by the instruction given by Prof. Catron.

Rev. Mr. Greer filled his regular appointment Sunday and brother, Miss Daisy Thompson and brother, of Gratton, were visiting their sister, Mrs. S. S. Keese from Saturday to Monday.

Mr. J. W. Waldron, of Horsepen, was visiting his family over Sunday.

Rev. W. W. Yost was called to Richlands Sunday to fill an appointment for Dr. Waterhouse.

J. M. C. Catron started Sunday to visit his son at Marion, also to hear W. J. Bryan at Abingdon.

G. A. Waldron has been confined to his room for some time, but is getting better.

J. D. Daily has purchased a new horse and is riding around enjoying himself better than usual.

S. E. Catron, foreman of the company, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Saturday by the premature explosion of several sticks of dynamite. His right hand and face were injured. He looked like he had been in a ten-round bout with Jess Willard.

J. D. Farmer has purchased a new Ford and enjoying life on the farm.

## IN HONOR MISS STRAS.

Mrs. George W. St. Clair entertained Tuesday afternoon from four to 6 o'clock, with a kitchen shower complimentary to Miss Rosalie Stras, whose wedding to Mr. Taylor of Winston-Salem, will take place early in June.

The St. Clair home was elaborately decorated with spring flowers, the hall and drawing room were banked with wild ash and dogwood blossoms, while the dining room was beautified with peonies and anu dragons. The chandelier was festooned with arlax and tool from which were hung tiny red cupids.

The guests were greeted in the hall by Miss Bessie Jackson, where Miss Mayola Gillespie invited them into the drawing room to meet the hostess, who was assisted in receiving by Miss Rosalie Stras, guest of honor and Mrs. Beverly Stras, Jr.

On arrival of all of the guests a large, elderly lady with a most peculiar face and irregular figure, was carried in by Mrs. Barnes Gillespie and Mrs. B. W. Stras, Jr., and placed in front of the bride to be, who accepted the various useful gifts this strange looking guest had brought. Each package contained a rhyme appropriate to the occasion, which Miss Ellie Bowen read in her gifted manner.

Mrs. Barnes Gillespie ushered the guests into the dining room, where a delicious ice cream was served by Misses Margaret Henry Walker and Mary and Martha Couling, the color scheme of red and white being carried out in the food and akes in shape of hearts. Each guest was presented with a heart on leaving as a souvenir of the happy occasion.

Great merriment prevailed when the search of the mysteries of the wedding cake begun, Miss Jessie O'Keefe drawing the ring; Miss Alma Thomas the dime; Miss Elizabeth Hawthorne the bodkin, and Miss Rachel Browne looking good.

All felt when the charming entertainment had ended.

"Could anything be so bewitchin' as Miss Rosalie in the kitchen; Unless 'tis our wishing the happy pair Good luck in home of Mrs. St. Clair."

## TOMATOES AND CABBAGE.

Tomatoes, 10c per dozen; 85c per hundred; Cabbage, 10c per dozen; 50c per 100. Plants well sprayed and healthy. Mail orders filled. N. A. S. BROS., Tazewell, Va. 5-12-5

## MISS HURLEY TO GIVE RECITAL.

On Monday, May 29th, in the High School auditorium, at 8:30 o'clock, the music class of Miss Blanche Hurley, will give a violin and piano recital. The public is cordially invited.

## TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

The annual meeting of the County S. S. Association will be held at Concord on the Clinch on Wednesday, June 21st, next, beginning at 10 a. m. sharp. Every school in the county is expected to be represented by one or more delegates, and a report of their school. Don't fail to send a report if not a delegate, but both if possible. The Sunday schools of the county, generally, are on the upgrade and will so continue if the workers are alive to their duty and responsibility.

The attention of ministers and pastors in the county is specially asked to the above notice.

## A TOAST TO THE UNKNOWN.

Here is a toast that I want to drink to a fellow I'll never know—

To the fellow who's going to take my place when it's time for me to go. I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be and I've wished I could take his hand.

Just to whisper, "I wish you well, old man," in a way that he'd understand.

I'd like to give the cheering word that I've longed at times to hear;

I'd like to give the warm handclasp when never a friend seems near;

I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work, and I wish I could pass it on.

To the fellow who'll come to take my place some day when I am gone.

Will he see all the mistakes I've made and note all the battles lost? Will he never guess of the tears caused or the heartaches which they cost? Will he gaze through the failures and fruitless toil to the underlying plan. And catch a glimpse of the real intent and the heart of the vanquished man?

I dare to hope he may pause some day as he tells as I have wrought.

And gain some length for his weary task from the battles which I have fought.

But I've only the task itself to leave with the care for him to face.

And never a cheering word may speak to the fellow who'll take my place.

Then here's to your health, old chap; I drink as a bridegroom to his bride.

I leave an unfinished task for you, but God knows how I tried.

I've dreamed my dreams, as all men do, but never a one came true.

And my prayer today is that all the dreams may be realized to you.